



South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation

Board of Social Work Examiners

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Requirements for Independent Level Licensure - Out of State Applicants

An Applicant for licensure as a Licensed Independent Social Worker (AP or CP) must have a Masters or a Doctorate degree from a social work program, accredited by the Council on Social Work Education, or from a social work or social welfare program offered by a regionally accredited institution. The applicant must also pass an examination approved by the Board. Currently the Board requires that an applicant for LISW take and pass the Clinical level or Advanced level of the examination that is administered by a testing service through the Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB).

Please Remember: All candidates for licensure at the Independent level are required to:

1. Make application and pay \$45 non-refundable application fee.
2. Have your college send official transcripts reflecting your degree to the Board office.
3. Send the "Verification of Social Work License" form to each state if you are licensed, currently or were previously in another state.
4. Have your test score sent to the Board from ASWB, if you have already taken and passed the licensure examination. (1-800-225-6880)